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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 12, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 14, 2004

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2004. A petition for a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the application as directed below and consider the remarks that follow.